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### 1. KOREA

SPEAKING AT NATL GUARD ASSN CONVENTION WASHINGTON WED,  
PRES WARNED AGAINST ANY UNILATERAL TROOP WITHDRAWALS,  
REDUCTIONS IN DEFENSE SPENDING. STATED "PREPAREDNESS  
SERVES PEACE, WEAKNESS INVITES WAR." SAID CALLS FOR  
TROOP WITHDRAWALS COME FROM "VOICES OF RETREAT." REMARKS  
SEEN AS CRITICISM OF ACCEPTANCE SPEECH IN WHICH CARTER  
SAID FAVORS WITHDRAWALS IF DO NOT ENDANGER NATION (UPI,  
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BALTO N-A 9/1). FORD DID NOT MENTION CARTER BY NAME,  
BUT IN WH NEWS BRIEFING LATER NESSEN SAID DEM PLATFORM/  
CARTER STATEMENTS "SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES" (WP'S WALSH, ALSO  
IN GLOBE; SHABECOFF, NYT).

DOS' HUMMEL/DOD'S ABRAMOWITZ TESTIFIED BEFORE 2 SUB-CMTES OF HIRC WED, ABOUT JSA TREE INCIDENT (OBERDORFER; DETAILED SUMMARY IN KOREA COMMENT SECTION).

DOD SPOKESMAN WED ANNOUNCED RESUMPTION GUAM-BASED B-52 "ROUTINE TRAINING MISSIONS" OVER SK STARTING 9/2. GAVE NO REASON (AP, NYT).

UNC/NK REPORTED NEAR AGREEMENT WED ON TROOP SEPARATION AT PANMUNJOM (WSJ). UNC SPOKESMEN DECLINED DISCUSS DETAILS OF MAC SECRETARIES' MEETINGS TUES/WED; SCHEDULED MEET AGAIN THURS. HANKOOK ILBO REPORTED "CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS" IN NEGOTIATIONS. SK MIL SOURCES SAID UNC SOFTENED DEMAND FOR NK SAFETY ASSURANCE; IN TURN, NK AGREED REMOVE 4 GUARDPOSTS FROM SOUTHERN SIDE JSA. BOTH SIDES REPORTEDLY AGREED PERMIT FREE MOVEMENT NON-MIL PERSONNEL IN AREA (UPI NYDN, GLOBE, WP).

SIXTEEN DISSIDENTS SENTENCED LAST SAT APPEALED CONVICTION WED; INCLUDES KIM DAE-JUNG, YUN PO-SUN (AP, NYDN).

SK OFFICIALS CONFIRMED WED "SOME" OF 22 PHONE LINES TO NK HAVE STOPPED FUNCTIONING. RED CROSS OFFICIALS FOUND LINES OUT OF ORDER WHEN TRIED CALL NK TO ASK FOR RELEASE FISHING BOAT/23 CREWMEN SEIZED MON. SKOREANS BELIEVE PURPOSELY CUT BY NK. SK OFFICIALS DECLINED SAY WHETHER LINES CONNECTING N-S COORDINATING CMTE ALSO CUT (NYC SPEC, SEOUL).

## 2. CHINA

WEDS ARRIVAL OF SEVERAL THOUSAND MIL/CIVILIAN "ANTI-QUAKE RELIEF WORKERS" IN PEKING FOLLOWED BY SIX-HOUR MASS MEETING IN GREAT HALL. PRC LEADERS, HEADED BY HUA, PAID TRIBUTE TO TANGSHAN EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS. NCNA SAID CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY ALL SENIOR CCP/STATE LEADERS UNCLASSIFIED

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EXCEPT MAO; AGENCY REPORT INDICATED OFFICIALLY FOR FIRST TIME SINCE QUAKE STRUCK JULY 28 THAT CHAIRMAN IN PEKING (REUTER, SUN).

AP (HK) SAYS PEKING RESIDENTS, CONTACTED BY PHONE FROM HK, ESTIMATED THAT 15-20,000 PERSONS ATTENDED GREAT HALL MEETING (NYDN).

## 3. INDOCHINA

VN APPEALED WEDS TO US NOT VETO APPLICATION FOR UN MEMBERSHIP; SAID US ACQUIESCENCE TO ADMISSION WOULD IMPROVE ATMOSPHERE FOR US-VN TALKS ON NORMALIZING

RELS. NYT'S HOFMANN NOTES VN REP, "MODERATE IN TONE," STRESSED THAT DIRECT US-VN CONTACTS WOULD GREATLY HELP SOLVE UNSETTLED QUESTIONS OF MIA'S AND US ASSISTANCE IN VN POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION. US OFFICIALS REFUSED COMMENT ON AMERICAN POSITION IN NEXT WEEK'S UNSC DEBATE. ACCORDING HOFMANN, SOURCES CLOSE TO FORD ADMIN SPECULATE US ATTITUDE MAY DEPEND ON LAST-MINUTE HANOI SIGNAL HOLDING OUT HOPE FOR PROGRESS IN MIA PROBLEM.

VN PM PHAN VAN DONG HAS RECEIVED COUNTRY'S NEW CARDINAL, JUST BACK FROM VATICAN CONSECRATION TRIP; ACCORDING OFFICIAL VN NEWS AGENCY, CARDINAL BROUGHT PM "LETTER OF THANKS" FROM VATICAN. AGENCY SAYS PREMIER CALLED ON "CATHOLIC CLERGY AND ALL CATHOLIC PEOPLE" JOIN IN BUILDING SOCIALISM THROUGHOUT COUNTRY (JOHNSTON, NYT).

#### 4. THAILAND

NEWLY-FORMED THAI TOURIST POLICE FORCE MOVED OUT ONTO BANGKOK STREETS WEDS IN EFFORT PROTECT FOREIGNERS FROM INCREASING CRIME, RESTORE COUNTRY'S IMAGE AS HOSPITABLE PLACE (AP, NYDN).

#### 5. AUSTRALIA/DIEGO GARCIA/JAPAN/VN

FRASER TOLD FOREIGN JOURNALISTS THURS HE SUPPORTS CONSTRUCTION US NAVAL BASE ON DIEGO GARCIA BECAUSE AREA SHOULD NOT BECOME SOVIET PRIVATE RESERVE. SAID SOVIET UNCLASSIFIED

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NOW HAS NAVAL INFLUENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN WHICH AFFECTS NOT ONLY COUNTRIES ON OCEAN'S EDGE, BUT ALSO OIL SUPPLIES FOR NATIONS SUCH AS JAPAN. ON RELS WITH VN, PM SAID AUSSIES WILLING HELP WITH RECONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS IF THAT'S COURSE VN CHOOSES; "WE'VE GOT TO TRY TO DRAW HER INTO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF NATIONS" (REUTER CANBERRA).

#### 6. JAPAN

JAMESON (LAT 9/1) SAYS 18 OF 27 MEMBERS LDP GENL AFFAIRS CMTE ROCKED MEETING TUES WITH DEMAND MIKI RESIGN IMMEDIATELY. ONE CMTE MEMBER SUGGESTED FUKUDA/OHIRA NOT ONLY LEADERS WHO COULD REPLACE PM. FIFTY YOUNGER LDP DIETMEN ALSO MET TUES TO DEMAND NEW PARTY CAUCUS STRIP MIKI OF POST; CRITICIZED FUKUDA/OHIRA FOR TELLING PRESS MON WOULD COOPERATE IN COMPROMISE TO PERMIT MIKI RESHUFFLE CABINET/PARTY EXECUTIVES. SAYS OUSTER MOVE FUKUDA/OHIRA HELPED LAUNCH SLIPPING OUT OF THEIR HANDS.

MOF WED ANNOUNCED JAPAN'S FOREX RESERVES REACHED 16.291 BILLION DOLS AT END AUG; 8TH CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY

INCREASE, TO HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE APR 1973; CLIMBING  
TOWARD RECORD 19 BILLION DOLS REACHED JUST PRIOR YEN  
REVALUATION FEB 1973 (JOC, TOKYO).

KEIDANREN TUES PRESENTED WRITTEN APPEAL URGING GOJ  
ATTAIN, WITHIN 5 YRS, GOAL OF DEVOTING 1 PCT GNP TO  
FOREIGN AID; SAID 2.89 BILLION DOLS GOVT/PRIVATE AID  
1975 ACCOUNTED FOR .59 PCT GNP, FAR BELOW GOAL SET BY  
OECD'S DAC (UPI, JOC).  
COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. JAPAN

WP NOTES HOLLAND RECOVERING, HOWEVER AGONIZINGLY,  
FROM "TOUCH OF LOCKHEED," BUT DISEASE STILL ACUTE IN  
JAPAN. URGES CORRUPTION BE RECOGNIZED AS GRIEVOUS PUBLIC  
PROBLEM. CALLS FOR DISCLOSURE, HOWEVER TROUBLESOME,  
ON GROUNDS THIS DESIRABLE, AND VERY METHOD BY WHICH  
OPEN DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES WORK. SELF-CORRECTION BY FIRMS  
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IS ANOTHER ANSWER, AS ARE CONTINUING REVIEWS BY SEC, PROBES  
BY CONGRESS. DECLARES NEW LAW ALSO NEEDED, TO REQUIRE  
PROMPT PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF CORPORATE PAYMENTS ABROAD  
TO PROMOTE SALES.

8. CHINA

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO, IN PEKING, SUGGESTS  
THAT AT WEDS "SHOW OF POLITICAL UNITY" AMONG CHINESE  
LEADERSHIP IN HONOR OF EARTHQUAKE WORKERS, HUA "DELIVERED  
HIS MOST IMPORTANT PUBLIC SPEECH SINCE HE ASSUMED OFFICE."  
SAYS IN WHAT WAS "CEARLY INTENDED" AS MAJOR POLITICAL  
EVET, HUA'S "LONG AND WIDE-RANGING SPEECH" TOOK "HARD  
LINE" ON "APPARENTLY GROWING" PROBLEM OF PUBLIC DISCIPLINE;  
SAYS, AT SAME TIME, OBSERVERS DETECTED SLIGHTLY MORE  
PRAGMATIC/MODERATE LINE ON IDEOLOGICAL/ECON MATTERS.  
IN WHAT SEEMED HEART OF SPEECH, HUA EMPHASIZED ECON  
ISSUES, MADE TOUGH APPEAL FOR LAW/ORDER. NOTES PREMIER  
AGAIN ATTACKED TENG, BUT OMITTED OFTEN-HEARD CHARGE THAT  
CCP ITSELF WAS HAVEN FOR SOME "CAPITALIST ROADERS"/BOURGEOIS  
ELEMENTS (NYT).

REUTER'S GRIFFITHS, IN PEKING, OBSERVES PEOPLE'S DAILY,  
FOR FIRST TIME THURS, USED WORD "LOOTING" IN CONNECTION  
WITH LAST MONTH'S DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE. AGREES HUA'S  
WEDS "AUTHORITATIVE" SPEECH AT QUAKE MEETING WAS "HIS  
MOST IMPORTANT PUBLICIZED ADDRESS SINCE HE TOOK OVER";  
SAYS PREMIER HAD ALREADY "STRENGTHENED HIS POLITICAL  
HAND BY PERSONALLY TAKING CHARGE" OF MASSIVE QUAKE  
RELIEF OPERATION.

WSJ'S FRANK CHING SEES PRC TRYING TURN DISASTROUS TANGSHAN EARTHQUAKE FROM "STUMBLING BLOCK INTO STEPPING STONE." BUT WHILE SEEKING STRESS THAT SOCIALIST SYSTEM IS SUPERIOR AND CAN OVERCOME ALL DIFFICULTIES, IS DIFFICULT TO GAUGE EXTENT TO WHICH CHINESE PEOPLE HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN TRANSFORMED. CHING NOTES PEKING, TO SHOW SUPERIORITY OF SOCIALIST SYSTEM, HAS DECLINED ALL FOREIGN AID OFFERS, GOING SO FAR AS USE FIGHTER JETS TO DESTROY SUPPLY-LADEN BALLOONS SENT OVERTAIWAN STRAIT BY ROC. ACCORDING CHING, EARTHQUAKE HAS ALSO PROVIDED PRC EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY UNCLASSIFIED

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COMBAT IGNORANCE AND INCULCATE GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF NATURAL PHENOMENA. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, RADIO BROADCASTS, HAVE GONE INTO CONSIDERABLE DETAIL EXPLAINING WHY EARTHQUAKES OCCUR, WAYS OF PREDICTING THEM.

NOTES, DESPITE EARTHQUAKE, PRC STILL PRESSING AHEAD WITH ANTIRIGHTIST CAMPAIGN; TEMPORARY POLITICAL TRUCE, WHILE NATION RECOVERED FROM EFFECTS OF QUAKE, HAS BEEN RULED OUT.

IN LATTER TO WP, ROC INFO OFFICE DIRECTOR-GENERAL DECLARES RECENT PRESS ALLEGATIONS THAT ROC HAS BEEN SECRETELY REPROCESSING SPENT NUKE FUEL FOR WEAPONS "ARE TOTALLY GROUNDLESS." LETTER STRESSES TAIPEI IS FAITHFULLY PARTY TO NPT; SUBMITS SEMI-ANNUAL IAEA REPORTS; THERE ARE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS TAKING PICTURES OF ROC REACTOR TOP AND SURFACE OF STORAGE POOL WHICH REVEAL ALL OPERATIONS TAKING PLACE AND MAKE RECORDS ON LOG BOOK; AND ALL REACTOR OPERATIONS ARE COMPUTERIZED. MAINTAINS IN VIEW OF THESE "HARD FACTS," REPROCESSING ALLEGATIONS SIMPLY DO NOT HOLD WATER." IN EDITOR'S NOTE, WP STANDS BY ITS STORY, WHICH IT POINTS OUT WAS REPORTED OVER SEVERAL WEEKS, CONFIRMED BY "NUMBER OF AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES."

#### 9. INDONESIA

MCDONALD (WP), IN JAKARTA, REVIEWS REASONS WHY SUHARTO GOVT TREATING NEW POLITICAL POWER OF MOSLEM MAJORITY AS GROWING THREAT/POSSIBLE SOURCE EMBARRASSMENT IN MAY 2 ELECTIONS. MAY PREVENT REGIME WINNING MAJORITY BIG AS WISHES. SAYS SUHARTO FACES 2 RISKS IN HANDLING SITUATION -- IF OPENS LID TOO WIDE, MAY PERMIT ALL KINDS DISSENT EMERGE; IF CLAMPS DOWN TOO HARD, MIGHT DISCOURAGE POPULAR INTEREST IN POLITICS, LEAD TO EMBARRASSINGLY LOW VOTER TURNOUT.

#### 10. THAILAND

LOMBARD (SUN), IN BANGKOK, SAYS THAIS HAVE ONLY FREE PRESS BETWEEN EUR AND HK, AND WORLD'S MOST IRRESPONSIBLE.

EVERYTHING BUT KING, AND DECISIONS IN LAW COURTS, FAIR  
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GAME FOR USING UNCHECKED RUMORS IN MUCKRAKING STORIES,  
BUT LITTLE INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING DONE. MOST COURTS  
EVER AWARD LIBEL VICTIM IS PUBLIC APOLOGY.

11. AUSTRALIA

ACCORDING COSTIGAN (WP SPEC), SOME 2,000 US SCHOOL-TEACHERS  
RECRUITED SINCE 1971 TO TEACH IN UNDERSTAFFED AUSSIE  
SCHOOLS ARE PLEASED WITH EXPERIENCE. SCHOOLS REPORT  
THEY TEACH WELL. BUT AS RESULT INFLATION, IMPROVED  
AUSSIE TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMS OPPOSITION GROWING TO  
THEIR PRESENCE BECAUSE OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGES, COMPETITION  
IN JOB MARKET.

12. PHILIPPINES

ELANOR PAGE (CHITRIB) SAYS WESTERN ART WILL BE SHOWN AT IMF  
MEETING MANILA OCT 3-8, DUE EFFORTS MRS. MARCOS, FORMER  
DIRECTOR CHICAGO ART INSTITUTE ALLAN MACNAB, MRS.  
JACK BERMAN.

LESLIE (LAT 9/1), IN MANILA, RECOUNTS INDIGNITIES VISITED  
ON EUGENIO LOPEZ FAMILY, RICHEST IN PHILS UNTIL MARCOS  
DECLARED MARTIAL LAW 1971. HAS BEEN DIVESTED OF MOST OF  
400 MILLION DOL EMPIRE; SON HAS BEEN IN JAIL 4 YRS WAITING  
TRIAL ON CHARGES OF COMPLICITY IN MARCOS ASSASSINATION  
TRY; GRANDSON IN JAIL TEN MOS ON RAPE CHARGE.

NYT'S SULZBERGER (9/1) VIEWS HAK AS MAN ON FLYING  
TRAPEZE. NOTES HE IS UNDERTAKING MORE 1976 "VOYAGES OF  
DISCOVERY": CONCEIVABLY MAY MAKE SOUTHERN AFRICA TRIP;  
"SECOND MIGHT BE A QUICK TRIP TO MANILA TO CONSULT"  
MARCOS "SHOULD US BASE NEGOTIATIONS THERE RUN INTO  
SERIOUS TROUBLE."

13. KOREA

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) TELL HOW "DETENTE" -- WORD PRES  
FORD "BANNED DURING CAMPAIGN" -- HELPED AVERT MIL CRISIS  
IN KOREA. NOTE HAK ASKED RUSSIANS/CHINESE BOTH USE  
INFLUENCE TO COOL CRISIS THAT ERUPTED WITH DMZ SLAYINGS.  
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CITE SECRET INTELL REPORTS BOTH SUPERPOWERS INTERVENED,  
PUT PRESSURE TOO GREAT TO RESIST ON KIM IL SUNG, WHO  
THEN ISSUED STATEMENT CALLING INCIDENT "REGRETFUL."  
SUGGEST RESPONSES RAISE HOPES FUTURE THREATS TO PEACE MAY

ALSO BE AVERTED. CITE AMEMBASSY MOSCOW CABLE PARAPHRASING ONE SOVIET VIEW -- "WITH FRIENDS LIKE KIM, WHO NEEDS ENEMIES:" QUOTE PHONE CONVERSATION WITH REP MURPHY (NY), IN WHICH DOS'S HABIB AGREED "RUSSIA AND CHINA BOTH AHD INPUT INTO THE INCIDENT AFTER IT HAPPENED" BUT WOULDN'T GO FAR AS ABANDON KIM.

WP'S CARMODY PREVIEWS ABC-TV "CLOSEUP ON NEW RELIGIONS: HOLINESS OR HERESY", WHICH FEATURES MOON SECT, SCIENTOLOGISTS. AGREED THERE IS SOMETHING TROUBLING ABOUT BOTH, BUT CRITICIZES PROGRAM FOR FAILURE SHOW WHY EACH ATTRACTS MANY ADHERANTS.

GLOBE CARTOON SHOWS PRES, DRESSED LIKE UNCLE SAM, HOLDING TWEEDLE-DEE "SK DICTATORSHIP" UNDER ONE ARM, STIFF-ARMING TWEEDLE-DUM "NK COMMUNISTS" WITH OTHER.

WM DAVIS (VN VETS AGAINST WAR) LETTER WP CHARGES 45,000 US TROOPS STATIONED IN SK TO PROP UP "TWO-BIT DICTATOR," PROTECT US BUSINESS INTERESTS.

OBERDORFER (WP) SAYS HUMMEL/ABROMOWITZ TESTIFIED IN HIRC SUBCMTE WED THAT NK GUARDS TWICE WARNED UNC TEAM AGAINST CUTTING DOWN POPULAR TREE IN DMZ; FIRST WARNING CAME 12 DAYS BEFORE SLAYINGS. STATES DOS/DOD MADE PUBLIC MANY DETAILS IN LENGTHY SESSION; MAINTAINED NK ATTACK SEEMED PREMEDITATED, WAS TAKEN FOR POLITICAL REASONS; SAID UNC CONCERNED IN ADVANCE TREE-TRIMMING WOULD CAUSE INCIDENT.

OBERDORFER NOTES CMTE MEMBERS SHARPLY QUESTIONED ADMIN FAILURE REPORT POST-INCIDENT DEPLOYMENTS TO CONGRESS AS REQUIRED UNDER WAR POWER ACT. SAYS PORTION OF DOS LEGAL MEMO TO HAK THAT WAS GIVEN TO HIRC, EARLIER TO SFRC, ARGUED WOULD SET "UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT" TO REPORT KOREAN DEPLOYMENTS. REP FASCELL (FLA) TERMED DOS JUSTIFICATION FOR NON-REPORTING "SEMANTIC, CIRCUITOUS UNCLASSIFIED

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EVASION"; REP FRASER (MINN) SAID WAS "RIDICULOUS"; REP HOLTZMAN (NY) FOUND IT "VERY DISTURBING." KISSINGER

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